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IN

WEST BROMWICH

FROM

1742 TO 1885,

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The substance of this sketch was written at the request of the Jubilee Committee, and was read at the memorable Meeting which was held in Wesley Chapel, on Monday, June 8th, 1885. In his address at the Meeting, the Rev. F. W. Macdonald spoke of the desirability of the local traditions of Methodism being preserved, and on his suggestion, and at the desire of the Meeting, I consented to have this paper printed, continuing the account down to the present time.

JAMES HALL,


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A
SHORT ACCOUNT
OF
Wesleyan Methodism
IN
WEST BROMWICH.

 HE highest point of land in West Bromwich is near the Railway Bridge, in Lodge Road. On it, in 1764, grew a clump of trees. Near to it six roads converged. It was the traveller's landmark in crossing the Heath.

The Common stretched northward to Finch-path Hill, now called Hill Top, and eastward to Sandwell Park. Here the partridge and pheasant found a safe cover, and the hare and the rabbit a home.

To the north east could be seen the Old Church, Lyne, and Mayer's Green. Scattered between the Church and the Green were the cottages of the greater part of the inhabitants of the parish. On the other side, toward the south, stood another cluster of cottages, called Old End. This part of the parish was enclosed about 1690. Near by is the Oak House, an old mansion of half-timbered work, built in the 16th century, not in a hollow as now, but almost on a level with the clump of trees, and surrounded by stately Oaks, many of which were cut down in 1768, and used to make the lock gates for the Canal then being cut through the parish.

The main road from Wednesbury to Birmingham was by West Bromwich Hall, Stone Cross, Church Vale and Mayer's Green. There was a track across the Heath, but no properly made road. The Holloway Bank had not yet been lowered, only foot-passengers and horses could mount the steep incline. Along this track were two houses, "Oakwood" and "The Woodlands," and the "Old Meeting House."

"Oakwood" was the residence of the Jesson family. Its name may have been derived from the land on which it stands, which was called Oakley's Croft, or perhaps from the fact that there had been a wood of Oaks on the spot.

"The Woodlands" was built by Dr. Keir, a celebrated chemist, who lived there. It was afterwards the residence of the father of Sir Rowland

Hill, the originator of our present postal system. The present occupier and owner is Councillor John Field.

The "Old Meeting House" was built in 1662. In 1715, it was for three days besieged by a Birmingham mob, who destroyed it, but it was re-built the following year at the expense of the Government.

The people of West Bromwich were chiefly employed in making gun locks and nails, in small shops at the back of their houses. The only ironworks in the parish was the Old Forge, Wigmore. This was afterwards transferred to Bromford.

Charles Wesley paid his first visit to West Bromwich in 1742, preaching his first sermon in the Holloway, there being then only two places of worship in the parish—the Old Church and the Old Meeting House.

The Old Church,—only the tower of which now remains,—is supposed to have been built six or seven hundred years ago.

At the time of Charles Wesley's visit, the spiritual life of the people was at its lowest ebb. Their leisure was spent in the most degrading and brutal sports, such as dog fighting and cock fighting, bull and bear baiting.

The visit of Charles Wesley was followed by visits from his brother John Wesley. Many of those who heard them preach were led to think seriously about the salvation of their souls. They ceased to

take pleasure either in brutal sports or in the evening revel at the public house. Their delight now was to associate with those who had a desire to flee from the wrath to come.

In 1743, John Wesley stayed in Wednesbury and neighbourhood five days, and himself formed the first Societies.

Several persons opened their houses for meetings of the converts, who met for prayer, singing, reading the Scriptures, and conversation. Among those who thus opened their houses were James Wheatley and Joseph Heywood.

Mr. Wheatley, who lived in the house opposite Dagger Hall, was, for some time, "a preacher late in connection with Messrs. Wesleys and the Conference." He was "the first preacher expelled by Mr. Wesley in 1751." After this, "he preached about the parish, and sometimes on a Sunday evening in his own house." He tried to obtain a following of his own, and to accomplish his purpose he bought a piece of land on the Heath, and he began to build a room in which his followers could meet, but he did not finish it.

Mr. James Jones, of Tipton, one of Mr. Wesley's first converts, was called out by Mr. Wesley to travel in 1743, but in 1749, leaving the ministry, he came to live near West Bromwich, and made himself very useful among the people. He erected, at his own expense, the first Methodist Chapel built in Staffordshire, on Tipton Green. He died at West Bromwich in 1783.

These meetings were soon disturbed by excited and riotous mobs. In their unlawful work they were encouraged by a clergyman at Wednesbury and by the publicans. In some cases unless the inmates promised not to suffer meetings to be held in their houses, or to hear the preachers preach, or to harbour those who did, their houses were unroofed, and their goods destroyed. A few stood firm against all such threats and cheerfully submitted to the spoiling of their goods and to all the indignities that were heaped upon them, for their Master's sake, knowing that in Heaven they had a more enduring substance.

The following are the names of a few who had their goods destroyed, with the amount of damage, at the lowest computation. And as in 1750, a labouring man was considered well paid if he earned 8d. or 10d. a day, these amounts should be multiplied by four to get at their present value.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|----|
| Mary Turner, widow, near the Holloway | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jonas Turner, next door | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| John Sheldon, at the Holloway | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Humphrey Hadley, Claypit Lane .. | 13 | 11 | 9 |
| William Sitch, near Mayer's Green .. | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| John Griffiths, near the Bridge | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Edward Holdbury, near the same place .. | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Thomas Parkes, at the Holloway.. .. | 14 | 0 | 0 |

“Some time in June, about four in the afternoon, a mob came to my house at West Bromwich; I was within, and my two daughters without. They threw

in stones and bricks so fast that I thought I should have been knocked on the head. Whereupon I opened the door and ran out amongst them. One of my daughters cried out, 'My mother will be killed.' On which they fell to throwing stones at her. She ran into a neighbour's house; but before she could shut the door, they broke the bottom off with a brick-end. They followed my other daughter with stones, and one with a great stake. She ran into another house, much frightened, expecting to be murdered. I asked them how they could come and abuse me thus: Upon which one came with a large club, and swore if I spoke another word he would knock me on the head and bury me in the ditch. Then he went to the window, and broke two or three panes of glass, which were all that were left. A woman then came with a club, and broke to pieces part of the tiling of the house.

Of this I am ready to make oath.

MARY TURNER."

John Sheldon, who lived at the Holloway, had his goods destroyed by mobs several times. He died in 1801, aged 102. His wife, Sarah Sheldon, died about three years before him, aged 98. They were both buried at the Old Church. The only article of furniture belonging to John Sheldon, not destroyed by the mobs, was a clock, which is now in the possession of one of his descendants, Mr. John Peters, of "The Hollies," Hill Top.

Mr. John Houghton, one of the first preachers who travelled in the Staffordshire Circuit (1748), was

taken before Lord Dudley, for preaching. After his Lordship had asked the persecutors some questions, he said, "Mr. Houghton, you may go and preach and pray wherever you please."

The following is taken from the Works of Rev. John Wesley, vol. xiii.

"Line and Mare's Green have been long noted for wickedness of every kind; for cursing and swearing, sabbath-breaking, idleness, and all manner of debauchery. Few thereabouts used to go to Church, or trouble themselves about religion, till some of them heard Mr. John and Charles Wesley, who then had a desire to flee from the wrath to come. In order to do this, they set apart one evening in a week to meet and encourage one another, by reading a chapter, singing a psalm or a hymn, and praying and conversing together.

The revellers, finding their old companions had forsaken them, were enraged at them more and more, inasmuch that they came one evening when they were met, in November, 1743, and unroofed the shop that was aside the house, and thrust down the walls.

The next time we met they came in more fury than before, threw great stones, broke the windows and looking-glass, and made the roof of the house to crack and sink and seem every moment as if it would break in upon us; insomuch that we were obliged to press out in the dark, in the midst of a shower of stones.

We thought it would be best afterwards to meet in the day-time, and accordingly we did. Immediately they blew a horn to gather their company together. When they had gathered fifty or sixty, they went from one house to another, threatening to kill those who would not go along with them. They went together to a house where were things of value, with a great shout, swearing they would plunder. The woman of the house went out and asked what they wanted. They did not make much reply; but part of them immediately went into the garden, and dashed in pieces things which cost several pounds.

We made complaint hereof to a Justice, Mr. W.G. He took a warrant to fill up, and asked us what number was there in all. We told him about sixty. He then said, 'What, are you Methodists? Get about your business; you shall have no warrant! I am informed that you are the vilest men that live.'

GEORGE HADLEY.

SAMUEL HADLEY.

JOS. MOORE."

"Having notice that the mob was coming, I William Sitch, of West Bromwich, and my wife, (who had been delivered but a fortnight,) thought it best to go out of the house and leave it to them. My wife, with her young child, was forced to stay in the fields, none daring to take her into their house. At length one man did; but he was, in a little time, persuaded to turn her out again.

The rioters plundered my house three several times, and did all the mischief they could: But, blessed be God, I could rejoice therein. He has said, 'As thy day is, so thy strength shall be.' And never did I find His promise fulfilled more than at that time.

WILLIAM SITCH."

"On Shrove-Tuesday, after two large mobs were passed by, came four or five men to my next neighbour, Jonas Turner's house. I and another woman followed them, to see what they would do. They first broke the windows, then broke down the door, and went into the house. Soon after they were in, they flung out a box at the chamber window, and swore, if any touched it they would murder them. Soon after they flung out a Bible, and one of them came out, and in great rage cut it into pieces with his axe.

MARY TURNER, of West Bromwich."

"The first that came to my house (Thomas Parks, of West Bromwich) on Tuesday, February 7th, were five with great clubs, whom I met at the door. They demanded whether I would deny hearing these parsons. I told them, No; for I believed they spoke the truth as it is in Jesus; and if I were to deny them, I should deny Him that sent them. They told me, if I would not, they would plunder my house. I replied, they must answer it at God's bar, and I would meet them there. I asked, whether I had done them any harm. They said, No; but they would have me keep to the Church. I told them, 'Some of you may know

that I worship among the Dissenters; but I love a good man, let him go where he will; for there is but one Church of Christ; and if you do not belong to that Church, you had better never have been born.'

I told them, 'God has allowed me liberty of conscience, and so have the King and Parliament, and hope my neighbours will too; but if not, a day is coming, when the persecuted and the prosecutor shall stand together; and if you wrong me now, God will right me then.'

While I was speaking, I caught hold of their clubs, and the words seemed to have some influence on them: But by this time there was a great body of them gathered together; so they broke my windows, and then the door, and flocked into my house, and began to break my goods. But here the Lord suffered them not to go so far as they had done in other places; for they soon fell to plundering, and loading themselves with the things I had for myself, a wife, and seven children.

However, in a while, I had prevailed with some of them to stop. But they then said I must set my hand to their paper. I told them they were cloaked over with the name of Protestants; but none but a Popish spirit would tie men's consciences. So I committed my cause to God, and withdrew from my house and them.

As I went along, one, who thinks herself a Christian, said, now I might see God was against me,

I told her I did now feel that God was for me, and that He loved me never the less for this; for God loved Job on the dunghill with only a potsherd, as well as He did in all his plenty. I thought she did, in effect, bid me curse God and die. May the Lord make her a Christian indeed!

When I returned to my house, and saw it in ruins, I found nothing in my heart towards my persecutors but love. Neither could I doubt of God's love to my soul. All that is within me bless His holy name!

One day, six or eight of the mob got me amongst them, and said they were going to make a law, and we should all set our hands to it. I told them I would submit to the laws of God and my Prince, but I could not to the laws of the devil. One of them swore he would break my windows again. I asked him if ever he heard of Jesus Christ doing so; and how he durst, when he must answer it at His bar; At which he stood silent."

On Shrove-Tuesday, about eleven o'clock, Sarah, the wife of John Sheldon, of West Bromwich, being told the mob was coming to her house, went and met them at the gate. Mr. S—, Mr. J—, and Mr. S—L—, Cornet, were at the head of them. She asked John Baker, who was captain of the mob, what they were come here for. He answered, if she would have nothing more to do with these people, not a penny-worth of her goods should be hurt. She made no

reply. Then they broke the door open, and began breaking and plundering the goods. One coming out with a fire-shovel, she begged him not to take it away. He swore, if she spoke another word he would beat her brains out.

After they had rifled the house, they went to search the barn. Some goods were hid there, which she thought would now go with the rest ; so she went and sat contentedly down in the ruined house : But a man of their own, as bitter as the rest till then, desired they would not pull up the cow-stakes ; so they looked no further ; but seeing a calf, they beat and lamed it in such a manner, that they were obliged to kill it.

John Sheldon was at this time helping Thomas Parkes to hide his goods, though he knew, by the noise, they were breaking his own to pieces. Between two and three he came to his house with William Sitch. William asked Sarah how she did ; saying, for his part, he took joyfully the spoiling of his goods. She answered that, seeing so much wickedness, she could not rejoice ; but she blessed God she could bear it patiently, and found not the least anger in her. John Sheldon, seeing the spoil they had made, smiled, and said, " Here is strange work." His wife told him, if she had complied with their terms, not one penny-worth would have been hurt. He replied, that if she complied to deny the truth, and he had found his goods whole on that account, he should never have been easy as long as he lived ; but he blessed God that she had rather chose to suffer wrong.

About 1760, five young men banded themselves together for spiritual conversation and mutual improvement; they were James Mayo, James Bayley, Thomas Russell, Thomas Ault and Francis, afterwards Bishop Asbury. It was the custom of these young men to walk to Wednesbury every Sunday morning, to the 5 o'clock service, and when that was over, they returned to West Bromwich, and attended Church twice, going back again at 8 to the evening service at Wednesbury.

The preachers at Wednesbury at this time were Mr. Mather and Mr. Fugill. They preached at West Bromwich and Wednesbury in their turn, in the dwelling house of Joseph Heywood.

In 1764, the room which had been partly built by James Wheatley, on the Common, was bought by James Bayley and Joseph Russell. They finished the building, and it was opened as a Methodist preaching room,—the first built in West Bromwich.

When Francis Asbury joined the young men we have named, he was fifteen years old. In 1762, when only seventeen, he began to preach. The following year, he was appointed Leader of the Society Class at West Bromwich Heath, retaining this position until he entered the ministry in 1767. He went to America in 1771, and was present at the first Conference held there in 1773. He was ordained Bishop in 1784, and died at Spottsylvania, County Virginia, 31st March, 1816, after having travelled

nearly 130,000 miles, preached from fifteen to twenty thousand sermons, and ordained upwards of 3000 ministers.

The Leader appointed to succeed Francis Asbury, was James Mayo, another of these five young men. He led the Class until he removed to Birmingham in 1779.

The successor to James Mayo was Thomas Ault, another of the band. He conducted the Class for more than twenty years, when he resigned, because his members ceased to attend Church, a "step of which he could not approve."

Mr. Ault was Parish Clerk at West Bromwich twenty-five years.

About the year 1800, James Heaton, a native of West Bromwich, joined the Society. When Mr. Ault gave up the Class, James Heaton was made the leader, and through his influence the Society, in a very short time, increased threefold.

The first Sunday School in West Bromwich was that at the Old Meeting, opened in 1766. The Old Church Sunday School was opened in 1788. The first Wesleyan Sunday School was opened in 1803, in the preaching room.

In 1764, when the room was built, the population of West Bromwich was about 2000. In 1801 it was 5687. The congregation grew so rapidly that further accommodation was sorely needed, and consequently, in 1805, it was decided to build a new

Chapel. A piece of land was bought, situate at the the corner of the Common. The first stone was laid by Mr. Heaton, in March, 1806, near the north-west corner of the building, which was 30 feet long and 32 feet wide, inside measurement. The new Chapel was opened by Rev. Richard Reece, on Christmas Day, 1806, the collections realizing about £9.

In 1811, West Bromwich became the head of a Circuit. The first minister appointed was Rev. John A. Lomas. In 1813, a new Sunday School, with two rooms, was built at the back of the Chapel. In a short time 200 children attended.

The most active members of Society now were Mr. John Bagnall, founder of the firm of John Bagnall and Sons, and Mr. Job Franks. In 1821, the Society numbered 280, including membership at Nineveh, French Walls, now Smethwick, and several other outlying places.

In the same year, the Chapel being found to be too small, £350 was spent in making it 20 feet longer. It was re-opened on Wednesday, October 24th, by the Rev. Robert Newton, who preached in the morning from Deut. 1, 11, and at night from 1 John iii, 2. The Rev. J. Bicknell preached in the afternoon from St. John viii, 2, last clause. The collections amounted to £70, which, added to private subscriptions, made a total of £250 towards the £350.

In 1831, Rev. Robert Pickering was appointed to the Circuit. The Chapel again became too small.

In 1832, it was decided again to enlarge, and 30 feet in length were added at a cost of £586 11s. 1d. By subscriptions and collections £390 was raised. Every sitting was let as soon as the Chapel was re-opened.

The Hartley family—who had about this time come to Spon Lane, from Nailsea, joined the Society, and exerted a very beneficial influence. Their goodness and their social position united to make them a power in the place. Mrs. Hartley was spoken of as one of the most Christ-like women ever known.

After the last enlargement the Trustees determined to do everything decently and in order. At the Trustees' Meeting, held in the Chapel Vestry, Nov. 7th, 1833, Mr. Thomas Bagnall was appointed Treasurer, and Mr. James Hartley, Secretary. Four beadles were appointed at a salary of one guinea a year each. They were Thomas Franks, Peter Onions, Thomas Cleobury, and Joseph Godfrey. John Neale was appointed leader of the singing, for which he was paid £2 a year.

In 1825, the Local Preachers of the Circuit formed themselves into a Society for mutual help. The following were some of the rules laid down for the observance of the members.

1. There shall be a meeting on the last Friday in every month, in the Vestry of the Methodist Chapel, from half-past 7 to 9 o'clock.
2. There shall be a chairman to introduce the business and keep order.

3. There shall be a Secretary to call over names, mark absentees, and enter resolutions of meeting.

4. Every preacher shall produce in his turn, for the examination of the meeting, an original outline of a discourse upon some portion of Holy Writ. The examination to embrace every part of the discourse in its natural order. The author to read it, proposing for consideration first, the introduction, then the general outline, and so on till his task is finished. He must allow the other preachers an opportunity of making any remarks on it they may think proper.

No preacher can be allowed to interrupt another during the delivery of a discourse, or forfeit 3d.

5. The meeting to commence with singing and prayer, and conclude with prayer.

6. Every member not present when the names are called over, to forfeit 1d.

7. Every preacher in his turn, as his name is on the plan, to be chairman, or forfeit 6d. In that case the next on the plan shall be chairman.

8. All fines to be paid into the hands of the Secretary, to be disposed of as the meeting shall appoint.

9. Any Local Preacher shall be at liberty to bring a friend, but he must be a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and he shall have no power in the meeting.

10. Every Local Preacher who becomes a member of this meeting, and attends, must produce at the commencement of the meeting an outline of the text proposed, for his brethren to see he has one. If any Local Preacher should come without, he shall be fined 3d., and excluded from the meeting for that night.

11. Any Local Preacher that does not attend at a meeting night, but sends his outline by any brother, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the meeting; but if he send no outline he shall forfeit his privileges, and be fined 3d.

12. Any Local Preacher that is entitled to the aforesaid privileges, shall also be entitled to a copy of an outline by any brother which he shall choose, but he shall not have more than one at a meeting.

13. No brother shall preach from the text considered till three months have elapsed, without the consent of the Chairman.

September 25th, 1834. Resolved: that the Three Mile Oak be taken on the plan.

Resolved: that there be preaching at Warley Wigorn on a week evening, Mr. Ingle, with Brothers Buttell, Evans, and Cottom to attend to it.

Meeting held July, 1835. Resolved: that Toll End be given up because the people do not attend to Mr. Wesley's rule.

No sooner was the congregation settled down in the old Chapel, after the last enlargement, than it

was found that the building was altogether inadequate to meet the wants of those who wished to attend, as were also the Sunday Schools for the number of children on the books.

The matter soon forced itself upon the active workers. The first thought was to build new Schools, the second was to build a new Chapel, and make the old Chapel into Schools. The latter idea was the one that met with most favour, and large subscriptions were promised.

On 26th May, 1834, a meeting of the Trustees was held in the Vestry of the Chapel, when the following resolutions were passed.

1. Resolved: that, in the opinion of this meeting, from want of accommodation in the present Chapel, and the absolute necessity of Sunday School rooms, a new Chapel is much needed.

2. Resolved: that, in the opinion of this meeting, the present amount of subscription justifies them in making application to the District Meeting for permission to build.

3. Resolved: that the following persons be the Building Committee. The Ministers for the time being, Thomas Bagnall, Thomas Mason, John Silvester, John Payne, jun., and James Hartley.

4. Resolved: that Mr. James Hartley, with an architect, be requested to get out designs.

In accordance with the last resolution, Rev. R. Pickering and Mr. James Hartley, having made requisite enquiries, engaged Mr. Joseph Cutts, of Birmingham, architect, to get out designs for a Chapel, to cost not more than £3000, and on 16th June, 1834, at a meeting held at Mr. Thomas Bagnall's, Oak House, Mr. Cutts submitted his plans, which were accepted.

Interest in the movement became general, and subscriptions came in from all quarters.

A most eligible site was purchased from Mr. Carter, in the best part of High Street, for which £700 was paid. It was resolved to begin work at once, and it was arranged that Mr. Pickering should lay the foundation stone on the 18th of August.

The Building Committee resolved to meet on the ground every Tuesday and Friday morning, at 6 o'clock, and power was given to any two of the Committee to call a meeting at any time if needed.

The progress of the work was watched with jealous care. The Architect was instructed to push on the work with all haste, so that the opening might not be delayed.

Mr. Pickering left home to attend Conference in London. His health failed, and he only attended a few sittings. Growing worse, Mrs. Pickering was summoned to his bedside, arriving in London on Monday, August 11th. Writing to a friend she said, "I found my dear husband very much worse than he was when he left home. Dr. Bunting and Mr. Oates visited him, but he could scarcely speak to them."

On Friday, after giving some directions about the new Chapel, he became very much worse.

Feeling that he could not return to West Bromwich in time to lay the Foundation Stone, he sent for the Rev. John Waterhouse, and requested him to supply his place. He did so, and while they were engaged in the solemnly delightful service customary on such occasions, he, who was to have been one of the principal agents in conducting them, was, on the same day, removed to join the spirits of the just made perfect in the presence of God.

The Stone was laid by Rev. John Waterhouse. Rev. Peter Duncan offered up prayer. Rev. Henry Fish delivered an address. Nearly 2000 lithographed copies of the building were sold.

To the Wesleyans it was a day long to be remembered, and is spoken of by those who now survive as one of the most memorable in connection with any religious service in their history.

The Building Committee did their work well, notably Mr. John Silvester, who watched the laying of nearly every course of bricks.

June 5th was the day fixed for the opening ceremony, all the arrangements being complete. A week before the time, so much had to be done that it seemed hopeless to think of its being ready. To help forward the work £15 was given to the workmen for allowances. Early and late they toiled, and to the astonishment of many, when the 5th of June came, all was ready.

The opening services and collections were as follows:—

| DATE. | PREACHER. | SERVICE. | COLLECTION. |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Friday, June 5th | REV. DR. NEWTON .. | Morning | £255 16 0 |
| Ditto „ | Ditto .. | Afternoon | 23 15 7½ |
| Ditto „ | REV. W. ATHERTON .. | Evening | 50 18 5¼ |
| Sunday, „ 7th | REV. DR. BUNTING .. | Morning | 104 5 11¾ |
| Ditto „ | Ditto .. | Evening | 63 9 0 |
| Ditto „ | REV. W. ATHERTON .. | Afternoon | 43 8 0½ |
| Monday „ 8th | REV. G. B. MACDONALD .. | Morning | 51 17 0¾ |
| Ditto „ | Ditto .. | Evening | 26 19 0½ |
| Wednesday „ 17th | MR. W. DAWSON .. | Evening | 80 19 6¼ |
| TOTAL | | | £701 8 8½ |

Thus ended one of the most successful Chapel openings known in Methodism up to that time. By it, at a leap, Methodism took up a position in the town such as had not been anticipated, and which has happily been since maintained.

The sittings in the Chapel were nearly all taken. Week by week large congregations assembled, and the promoters of the building looked with satisfaction on the completion of the task they had set themselves to accomplish.

The old Chapel was at once made into School Rooms. The well of the gallery was floored. A wooden partition divided the upper room. A wall was built across the lower part of the building, making it into two rooms, and thus accommodation was provided for six or seven hundred children.

Instead of the chapel costing £3000 only, over £5000 was spent, including outlay on the site.

The fifty years that have intervened since that memorable day, have thinned the ranks of the then active workers. Few are left, but they, with thankful hearts, look back on the great work they accomplished. And now, calmly they wait until they shall be called to join their friends in the eternal home.

Since that day Wesleyan Methodism has taken an active part in promoting the religious and social progress of the neighbourhood. Nine new Chapels have been erected at a cost of £20,352, and seven School Rooms at a cost of £10,740.

In November, 1884, it was found that the debts on the Trust properties now in the West Bromwich Wesley Circuit, together with a Circuit debt of about £300, amounted to nearly £3000, and it was resolved to make the Jubilee Celebration of Wesley Chapel the occasion of liquidating these debts.

On Monday, December 8th, a meeting was held in Bratt Street School Room, to inaugurate the movement. The Rev. E. Moulton presided, and made a comprehensive statement of the financial details of the scheme. The Revs. J. M. Mangles and G. Renton gave addresses on the distinctive principles of Wesleyan Methodism, and the benefits which must accrue to the Circuit by the success of the work to which it was committing itself with so much enthusiasm. The Circuit Stewards and several gentle-

men who have always been to the front in every good work in the Circuit, gave short addresses, and referred in eloquent terms to their predecessors in the work—to Samuel Withers, Thomas Brettell, Richard Hulme, William Hampton and others, who “served their own generation by the counsel of God.” Donations amounting to more than £1200 were promised at this meeting.

Services in celebration of the Jubilee were held on Sunday, May 31st, 1885, when two sermons were preached by the Rev. R. Roberts:—On Friday, June 5th, the anniversary of the day on which the Chapel was opened, when the President of the Conference, Dr. Greeves, preached:—On Monday, June 8th, when about five hundred sat down to tea in the School Room. After tea, a public meeting was held in the Chapel, presided over by Mr. E. Parkes; and the choir, with the assistance of several friends, gave a selection of old Methodist tunes, to the great delight and profit of the congregation. The Rev. F. W. Macdonald, of Handsworth College, whose father took part in the Opening Services, gave an interesting and instructive address on the progress of Methodism.

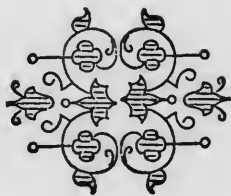
The concluding services were held on Sunday, November 29th, when the Rev. Charles Garrett preached, and the collections amounted to £243 1s. 3d. These services crowned the Jubilee movement with complete success. In this success the entire Circuit rejoices, thanks God, and takes courage.

The full benefit of it will not be realised for some time, but it is earnestly hoped that the movement will not be regarded as an end in itself, but rather as the beginning of even nobler and more heroic endeavours to extend the kingdom of God.

N.B.—Full particulars of all donations and collections on behalf of the Jubilee and Extinction of Debt Fund will be published as soon as possible.

WEST BROMWICH,

CHRISTMAS, 1885.



LETTER READ AT THE JUBILEE MEETING, MONDAY,
JUNE 8TH, 1885.

"126, HAMPTON ROAD, SOUTHPORT,

April 15th, 1885.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Your letter relating to the Jubilee of "Wesley Chapel" has been safely received, and I now take up my pen to send you a brief reply.

As you say, my first appointment was the West Bromwich Circuit, and well do I remember with what deep and saddened feelings I travelled thitherward (by Coach), on account of my unpreparedness for the great work in which I was about to engage. Timothy Ingle was my first Superintendent. He had been on the Circuit one year, and with the greatest kindness received me on my arrival. We laboured happily together for the two following years. This was not only my first appointment, but it was the first appointment of two Preachers to the West Bromwich Circuit. Prior to this it had been a one Minister's Station, and for some years a feeble and struggling one, but the last two who had laboured there (their names were, I think, Brown and Pickering) had done a good deal, under the Divine blessing, to improve the condition of the Circuit. Besides, the Hartley family had removed from Nailsea to Spon Lane, and become connected with the Glass Works there. Their influence for good, both on the Church and on those without, was very considerable, and they not only countenanced, but largely assisted the Ministers in their toils; as a consequence too of their social and manufacturing position, they became intimate with the Bagnall and other families in the neighbourhood, especially with the gentleman you name as one of the two original Trustees still alive. Mr. Hartley I never knew. He had died about a couple of years before my coming to West Bromwich, but I always heard him spoken of as a large-hearted, generous, and devoted Christian. Mrs. Hartley was one of the best women I ever met. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her, was adorned more or

less by every Christian grace, and was particularly characterised by a conscientious carefulness not to speak evil of any person. Standing with his back towards the fire, one of the sons was severely censuring some individual. The mother began to make excuses for the absent one, which rather irritated the young gentleman, when he broke out, saying, "Well, mother, I really do believe that if you heard any one saying anything against 'Old Harry,' you would have a good word to say for him."

The New Chapel was a very great improvement on the old. For years it was one of the most prominent buildings in the place, and may be so still for aught I know. As the Circuit was small, its erection must have tested the liberality and zeal of its members rather severely, but they nobly stood that test. During the period of its erection, Trustee Meetings were frequent and sometimes held till rather a late hour. This annoyed the good wife of one of the trespassers, who, in winding up a short Curtain Lecture, affirmed "that if you met any one in the street between 12 and 1 o'clock at night, you might be sure he was either a Methodist or a rake." But notwithstanding Trustee Meetings many and late, or rather because of them, the Chapel Building went on prosperously, and the final result of the Days of Dedication was such as to awaken grateful surprise in the minds and hearts of all lovers of our Zion. Drs. Newton and Bunting and others of our most able and effective ministers officiated. The ladies of the congregation, at some of the services, did duty as collectors; those who previously had "a mind to work," now found a heart to give, and at the close of the Opening Services some £700 or £800 were added to the Chapel Building Fund. Nor was this all,—a period of Circuit progress now set in. Congregations gradually improved, members and office-bearers of the Church increased in number, finances were easy, and in these and other ways "God, even our own God" blessed his servants, and made them a great blessing.

As to my own years of labour at West Bromwich, I cannot say they were very prosperous, but they were at least good and happy years. Shortly after Conference we had a small revival. Some of our meetings were very blessed and spirit stirring. A few new members were added, the Church was quickened, and both my superintendent and myself were much encouraged and refreshed. We had also, for so

small a Circuit, a goodly number of workers, some of whom seem now to rise before me, but most probably all are gone to the better land. There was Richard, or as he was generally called Dickey Hulme, (father of the Rev. Thomas Hulme) cheerful, active, zealous, warm-hearted; Thomas Brettell, possessed of good, round-about common sense, often intermingled with quiet wit and humour; Job Franks, a tall stout-made soldierly-looking man, who had enjoyed robust health, but was then almost entirely laid aside by affliction. Calling on him one day, among other things he said, Mr. John, when in health I always found it pleasant and easy to do the Lord's will, but now in affliction I often find it very difficult and hard to suffer as I ought that will; Dr. Ward, an honoured revivalist, ready for every good work. I might mention several others, but why do so? I must, however, refer to the Middletons, of Smethwick, and likewise to John Payne and his excellent wife, at whose house I lodged the greater part of the time I was at West Bromwich, and who treated me as if I were their son and not their lodger.

One thing more I might allude to as having, I judge, something to do both with the building of the Chapel and the subsequent benefit resulting from its opening and use; I refer to the interchange between the West Bromwich and Birmingham Ministers. This change had existed for a considerable time, but about the period of the building and opening of the Chapel, the Birmingham Ministers were specially loved and popular. This you will deem probable when I give you their names—John Waterhouse, Henry Fish, Jno. H. Bumby, Peter Duncan, John Rigg, the father of Dr. Rigg. Their visits to West Bromwich were always highly appreciated, and they were ever willing to help when we required assistance. This kept up the good and pleasant feeling awakened at the Opening Services, and continued for a considerable time, though probably not with equal intensity, and I cannot but think it had a good effect in leading to our gradually improving spiritual and financial condition as a Circuit. During my stay, also, the first Birmingham Conference was held. Some two dozen Ministers were located at West Bromwich, and their social and spiritual intercourse had an encouraging and strengthening influence on the Wesley Church and Congregation. It was at this Conference that the old method of "receiving into full Connexion," was altered into "Ordination by the imposition of hands,"

I must close, as I write with difficulty, and my writing strength is well-nigh gone. If these scanty and imperfect reminiscences are of any use, do with them just as you please.

Regretting that I cannot serve you further and better, and hoping that yourself and the friends may have a happy and satisfactory Chapel Jubilee.

I remain, Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

BENJAMIN JOHN.

REV. E. MOULTON."

A Chronological List of Preachers

WHO HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND
SUPPLIED AT WEST BROMWICH.

STAFFORDSHIRE CIRCUIT.

- 1746 Joseph Cownley.
- 1747 Samuel Taylor.
- 1748 John Houghton.
- 1749 John Madden.
- 1750 to 1753 No record.
- 1753 James Jones, John Thorp.
- 1754 No record.
- 1755 James Jones, John Johnsons, John Hocking.
- 1756 to 1761 No record.
- 1762 Alexander Mather William Fugill. Thomas Mayer.
- 1763 Alexander Mather,
- 1764 Alexander Mather, William Brammah, * Richard Coates.
- 1765 Thomas Hanson, William Orpe, James Glazebrook.
- 1766 William Orpe, Nathaniel Manners, J. Poole.
- 1767 Thomas Hanby, Robert Roberts.
- 1768 John Pawson, J. W. McAllen.
- 1769 James Glazebrook, James Clough, Jeremiah Robertshaw.
- 1770 Jeremiah Robertshaw, James Clough, Francis Wrigley.

- 1771 Robert Costerdine, Richard Seed.
- 1772 Thomas Brisca, Thomas Hanby.
- 1773 Thomas Hanby, Joseph Harper
- 1774 John Shaw, Edward Slater.
- 1775 Alexander Mather, William Dufton.
- 1776 Alexander Mather, John Wittam.
- 1777 Thomas Taylor, John Whitley.
- 1778 Thomas Mitchell, William Horner.
- 1779 Thomas Mitchell, Robert Costerdine.
- 1780 John Broadbent, Robert Swan.
- 1781 John Broadbent, John Goodwin, Thomas Hanby.

* Died at Wednesbury, 1765.

BIRMINGHAM CIRCUIT.

- *1782 John Casten, Thomas Hanby, Samuel Randall.
- 1783 Richard Rodda, Charles Boon.
- 1784 Richard Rodda, Thomas Warwick.
- 1785 Andrew Blair, George Storey, Robert Casterdine, John Brittle.
- 1786 Andrew Blair, John Murlin, Duncan Wright, John Brittle.
- 1787 Daniel Jackson, T. Tennant, T. Cooper, John Brittle.
- 1788 Andrew Blair, John Brittle, John Moon.
- 1789 Joseph Benson, George Snowden, William Thoresby, J. Smith.
- 1790 Joseph Benson, Geo. Gibbon, Geo. Baldwin, Francis Truscott.
- 1791 Samuel Bradburn, George Gibbon, Thomas Bartholomew,
Samuel Taylor.
- 1792 Joseph Cole, Simon Day, Joseph Burgess.
- 1793 James Rogers, Simon Day, Jonathan Edmondson.
- 1794 James Rogers, Benjamin Rhodes, James Bridgnell.
- 1795 William Thompson, Richard Elliott, George Marsden.
- 1796 William Thompson, Richard Elliott, John Pipe, Jonathan
Barker.
- 1797 Samuel Bradburn, Thomas Cooper, William Williams, Edmund
Shaw.
- 1798 Samuel Bradburn, Thomas Cooper, William Williams, John
Burdsall.
- 1799 Alexander Suter, Samuel Bardsley, Charles Atmore, Cuthbert
Whiteside.
- 1800 Alexander Suter, Samuel Bardsley, Charles Atmore, John
Crook.

- †1801 Thomas Taylor, Peter Haslam.
- 1802 Thomas Taylor, Peter Haslam.
- 1803-4 Henry Moore, Thomas Reynolds, sen.
- 1805 Richard Reece, David Barrowclough.
- 1806 Richard Reece, John Nelson.
- 1807 James Bogie, John Nelson, William Woodhall.
- 1808 James Bogie, William West, James Buckley, Thomas Martin.
- 1809 James Wood, William West, James Buckley, Thomas Martin.
- 1810 James Wood, George Gellard, Joseph Wormesley.

* Cherry Street Chapel was opened by Mr. Wesley, July 7th, 1782, cost £1200.

† Wednesbury was made the head of a Circuit this year.

WEST BROMWICH CIRCUIT, INCLUDING NINEVEH, FRENCH WALLS.

- 1811 John A. Lomas.
- 1812-13 James Heaton.
- 1814-15 Thomas Mollard.
- 1816-17 William Homer.
- 1818-19 Samuel Crompton.
- 1820-21 John Denton.
- 1822-23 James Bridgnell.
- 1824-25 Seth Morris.
- 1826-27-28 John Brown, sen.
- 1829-30 George Russell.
- 1831-32-33 Robert Pickering.
- 1834 Timothy Ingle.
- 1835-36 Timothy Ingle, Benjamin John
- 1837 Richard Waddy, Thomas Capp.
- 1838-39-40 George Marsland, Robert Leake.
- 1841-42-43 Barnard Slater, James J. Topham.
- 1844-45 James Heaton, William Wilson.
- 1846-47-48 John Bedford, John Tindall.
- 1849-50-51 William Jackson, (1) William H. Sargent.
- 1852-53-54 Robert Sherwell, Edwin J. Sturges.
- 1855-56-57 George Roebuck, Joseph Binns.
- 1858-59-60 George Turner, (1) John Roberts.
- 1861-62-63 John G. Cox, John S. Ridsdale.
- 1864 John Hall, Walford Green, Joseph Higham.

- 1865-66 John Hall, Walford Green, James Yeames.
 1867-68 John Dowty, Ishmael Jones, A. A. Southern.
 1869 John Dowty, Ishmael Jones, William Potts.
 1870-71 John Hearnshaw, William Potts, James F. Pyle.
 1872 John Hearnshaw, James Smith, James F. Pyle,
 1873 James Smith, Thomas Overton, Stephen Forrest.
 1874 James Smith, Thomas Overton, Stephen Forrest. Francis
 Edmonds.
 1875 Charles Carter, Thomas Overton, Stephen Forrest, William
 Henderson.
 1876* Charles Carter, Amos Dyson, William Henderson ; Henry B.
 Britten, supernumerary.
 1877 Charles Carter, Amos Dyson, Thomas Hammond ; Henry B.
 Britten, supernumerary.
 1878 Frederick C. Haime, Amos Dyson, Thomas Hammond (died)
 1879-80 Frederick C. Haime, Mayson Penn, Henry Jefford.
 1881-82 Henry Marchbank, J. P. Keeley, John W. Genge ; John
 Dowty, M.A., supernumerary.
 1883 Thomas Brookes, J. P. Keeley, John W. Genge ; John Dowty,
 M.A., supernumerary.
 1884-5 Ebenezer Moulton, John M. Mangles, Gregory Renton ; John
 Dowty, M.A., supernumerary.

* Divided and Smethwick made the head of another Circuit.

LEADERS IN 1834.

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| Job Franks .. | Number in Class | 36 |
| James Reeves ... | ... | 30 |
| Charles Horton ... | ... | 12 |
| Richard Hulme ... | ... | 31 |
| „ „ Wednesday | ... | 28 |
| John Hughes... | ... | 22 |
| Thomas Brettell ... | ... | 30 |
| William Brettell ... | ... | 18 |
| Joseph Franks ... | ... | 18 |
| John Roe ... | ... | 28 |
| Thomas Leighton ... | ... | 14 |
| „ „ Greet's Green | ... | 7 |

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| John Silvester | ... | ... | 15 |
| John Neale ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| William Cottom | ... | ... | 15 |
| Silvanus Cox ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| —— Whitehouse | ... | ... | 7 |
| Thomas Simkins | ... | ... | 11 |
| Job Franks, Thursday | ... | ... | 13 |
| „ „ Hill Top | ... | ... | 6 |
| Samuel Withers | ... | ... | 10 |
| William Evans | ... | ... | 12 |

Total Membership ... 401

PRESENT POSITION OF WESLEYAN METHODISM IN THE WEST BROMWICH WESLEY CIRCUIT.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Ministers | ... | ... | 3 |
| Local Preachers | ... | ... | 18 |
| Leaders | ... | ... | 46 |
| Members—Wesley | ... | 474 | |
| Beeches Road | ... | 74 | |
| Carter's Green | ... | 75 | |
| Greet's Green | ... | 59 | |
| Hallam Street | ... | 58 | |
| Overend | ... | 20 | |
| Lyng Lane | ... | 42 | |
| | | —— | 802 |
| Sunday School Teachers | ... | 234 | |
| Sunday School Scholars | ... | 1895 | |
| Adult Bible Class | ... | 557 | |
| Junior Society Classes | ... | 95 | |
| Day Scholars—Boys | ... | 188 | |
| Girls | ... | 141 | |
| Infants | ... | 184 | |
| | | —— | 513 |

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, to December 31st, 1885.

| <i>Amounts Received:</i> | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Subscriptions | ... | ... | ... | 1987 | 6 | 0 |
| Public Collections | ... | ... | ... | 327 | 18 | 11 |
| Proceeds of Tea Meetings | ... | ... | ... | 62 | 12 | 1 |
| <i>Chapel Committee:</i> | | | | | | |
| Grant | ... | ... | ... | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| Loan | ... | ... | ... | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | | £2907 | 11 | 6 |

| <i>Debts paid off:</i> | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Wesley Chapel | ... | ... | ... | 870 | 0 | 0 |
| Beeches Road Chapel | ... | ... | ... | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| Roebuck Street Schools | ... | ... | ... | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Carter's Green Chapel | ... | ... | ... | 499 | 0 | 0 |
| „ „ Extension Fund | ... | ... | ... | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Greet's Green Chapel | ... | ... | ... | 130 | 1 | 0 |
| Hallam Street Chapel | ... | ... | ... | 151 | 1 | 6 |
| Overend Mission Room | ... | ... | ... | 207 | 0 | 0 |
| Lyng Mission Room | ... | ... | ... | 206 | 1 | 0 |
| Circuit Debt | ... | ... | ... | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing, Travelling, and Miscellaneous Expenses | ... | ... | ... | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | | £2907 | 11 | 6 |

WEST BROMWICH

Wesley Jubilee Celebration Fund.



The Committee of the above Fund has much pleasure in presenting to the Subscribers the annexed Report.

With devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Committee recognises the noble liberality which has been shown throughout the Circuit by the raising, within the short period of thirteen months, the sum of nearly £2500. The Committee also gratefully acknowledges the gracious Divine influence which has attended all the Public Religious Services, the unity and good feeling manifest in all its own meetings, and the complete success by which the whole scheme has been crowned.

By this effort, the West Bromwich (Wesley) Circuit has been happily relieved of various burdens, which in the past have hindered its progress. The Jubilee Committee earnestly desires that it may now enter upon a new era of enterprise and spiritual prosperity, not less worthy and blessed than that which marked the erection of Wesley Chapel, fifty years ago.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

E. MOULTON, CHAIRMAN.

ISRAEL PARKES, }
JOHN BUSSEY, } TREASURERS.

JOHN M. MANGLES, }
JAMES HALL, } SECRETARIES.

*West Bromwich,
Jan. 15th 1886.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Adcock, Mr. H. J. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Adnam, Mrs. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Akrill, Mr. Charles ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Albrighton, Mrs. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Alexander, Mr. T. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashton, Mrs. ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Ault, Mr. Tom ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Bagnall, Mr. T. (the late) | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Barrie, Mr. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Bates, Mr. Joseph ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Bedford, Mr. F. ... | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Bedworth, Mrs. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Beetlestone, Mr. ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Belcher, Mr. Z. L. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Belcher, Mr. & Mrs. } £3 | | | |
| Master Edgar ... £1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Ida Mary ... £1 | | | |
| Bowater, Mrs. J. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Bridge, Mr. ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Bridge, Mr. T., Jun. ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Brinton, Miss ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Britten, Mr. W. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Brookes, Mr. Joseph ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Bullock, Miss Emma ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bussey, Mr. John ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Carter's Green S. S. ... | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Cleobury, Mrs. (the late) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Collett, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooke, Mr. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cox, Mr. E. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Cox, Miss ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowles, Mr. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cuthbert, Miss E. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dangerfield, Messrs. ... | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Day, Mr. A., (per Mr. J. Guest) .. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Dicken, Mr. Joseph ... | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| Dorrell, Mrs. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Dunn, Mr. Martin ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Eld, Mr. A. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Evans, Mr. J. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Field, Miss ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Field, Mr. B. ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Fisher, Mrs. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Franks, Mr. J. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Freeth, Mr. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Freeth, Mr. William ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Frost, Mr.... ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Friend, for self and family | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (Mr. F.) ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Mr. Icke) ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Carried forward £680 6 0

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Brought forward | 680 | 6 | 0 |
| Friend (per Mr. Kimberley) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Mr. Pincher) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (Mr. and Mrs. F.) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Rev. E. Moulton) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Mr. Davies) ... | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| Friend (per Rev. J. Mangles) | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (E. J.) ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Miss Sherwell) | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Friend (per Mr. Clements) | 7 | 6 | |
| Friend (per Mr. Clements) | 5 | 0 | |
| Friend ... | 6 | 0 | |
| Genner, Mr. George ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| German, Mr. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Gilpin, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Guest, Mr. Josiah ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Guest, Mrs. Edward ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Guest, Mr. Thomas ... | 10 | 0 | |
| Hall, Mr. J. ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Hall, Mr. E. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamblet, Mr. and Family | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Hampton, Mr. J. £25 } 30 | | | |
| In memy. of his Father £5 } | | | |
| Hampton, Mr. T. R. ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Hampton, Miss ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Hancox, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Harding, Mr. Samuel ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Harper, Mr. Thomas ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Harper, Mr. George ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris, Mr. R. ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawkes, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 7 | 0 | |
| Heath, Mr. ... | 10 | 0 | |
| Hickman, the Misses } 5 | | | |
| and Mr. J. ... } | | | |
| Hobday, Mr. ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Hodgetts, Mrs. ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Hollier, Mr. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Holloway, Mr. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Hollyhead, Mrs. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hollyhead, Mr. Alfred ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Horrobin, Mr. S.... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. G.... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Hughes, Mr. John .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Icke, Mr. ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Icke, Mr. & Mrs. W. £4 4s. | | | |
| Miss Icke ... £1 1s. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Jones, Mr. Thos. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordan, Mr. A. ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Jukes, Mr. Joshua ... | 5 | 0 | |

Carried forward £1209 12 6

SUBSCRIPTIONS—continued.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Brought forward 1209 | 12 | 6 | |
| Keyte, Mr. W. | 10 | 0 | |
| Keyte, Mr. S. | 10 | 0 | |
| Kibble, Mr. | 5 | 0 | |
| Kimberley, Mr. | 10 | 0 | |
| Knifton, Mrs. | 1 | 0 | |
| Lees, Mr. J. B. | 150 | 0 | |
| Lones, Vernon & Co. ... | 10 | 0 | |
| Longmore, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 2 | 2 | |
| Lovesay, Mr. Charles ... | 1 | 0 | |
| Martin, Mr. Reuben ... | 1 | 0 | |
| Millard, Mr. Moses ... | 2 | 2 | |
| Millward, Mr. Nathaniel | 2 | 2 | |
| Morris, Mr. Thos. ... | 25 | 0 | |
| Moulton, Rev. E. ... | 10 | 0 | |
| Naylor, Mr. | 3 | 10 | |
| Neale, Mr. W. | 5 | 0 | |
| Nock, Miss B. | 10 | 0 | |
| Owens, Mr. | 5 | 0 | |
| Parkes, Mr. I. | 150 | 0 | |
| Parkes, Mr. Ebenezer ... | 20 | 0 | |
| Parkes, Miss | 5 | 0 | |
| Parkes, Miss Annie ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Parkes, Mr. George ... | 5 | 5 | |
| Pearson, Mr. Peter ... | 10 | 10 | |
| Pincher, Mr. E. | 25 | 0 | |
| Pratt, Miss Lucy | 10 | 0 | |
| Price, Mr. & Miss | 2 | 2 | |
| Prince, Bros., Messrs. ... | 40 | 0 | |
| Prince, Mrs. H. | 2 | 0 | |
| Quance, Mr. | 4 | 0 | |
| Quance, Mr. W. (the late) | 1 | 10 | |
| Ralph, Mr. H. | 2 | 2 | |
| Renton, Rev. G. | 15 | 0 | |
| Roberts, Mr. John | 50 | 0 | |
| Roberts, Mr. Samuel ... | 50 | 0 | |
| Roberts, Miss | 10 | 0 | |
| Roberts, Mr. S., Phoenix St. | 3 | 0 | |
| Roberts, Mr., Walsall St. | 5 | 0 | |
| Salmons, Mr. George ... | 17 | 0 | |
| Scattergood, Mr. J. ... | 3 | 3 | |
| Scriven, Mr. | 1 | 1 | |
| Sherwell, Mrs. R.... | 5 | 0 | |
| Siddaway, Mr. E. | 3 | 3 | |
| Sinmons, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 2 | 0 | |
| Skidmore, Mr. J. Sen. & Jun. | 5 | 0 | |
| Carried forward £1855 | 16 | 6 | |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Brought forward 1855 | 16 | 6 | |
| Smallman, Mr. W. ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Smith, Mr. John | 2 | 2 | |
| Spooner, Mr. Joseph ... | 2 | 0 | |
| <i>Somers, Miss, Collected by</i> | | | |
| Mr. John Somers 20/- | | | |
| Mr. W. H. Edmunds 10/- | | | |
| Mr. John Luckett 5/- | | | |
| A Friend 5/- | | | |
| Mr. C. Garratt 5/- | | | |
| Mr. Z. Baugh 5/- | | | |
| Mr. G. Garratt 5/- | | | |
| L. A. 5/- | | | |
| Small Sums ... 21/3 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Taylor, Mr. H. | 5 | 0 | |
| Taylor, Mr. E. W. ... | 2 | 0 | |
| Taylor, Mrs. A. | 1 | 0 | |
| Tonks, Mr. & Mrs. | 5 | 0 | |
| Tonks, Mr. C. | 1 | 0 | |
| Turner, Mr. | 3 | 0 | |
| Venables, Mrs. | 1 | 1 | |
| Ward, Mr. W.H. | 10 | 6 | |
| Waite, Mr. (the late) ... | 2 | 2 | |
| Wakelam, Mr. W. | 1 | 1 | |
| Wakelam, Mr. George ... | 3 | 3 | |
| Webb, Mr. D. | 1 | 1 | |
| Westwood, Mr. & Mrs. ... | 10 | 10 | |
| Whitehouse, Mr. & Mrs. | 5 | 0 | |
| Whitehouse, Mr. S. ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Whitehouse, Mr. S. ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Whitehouse, Mr. W. H. | 1 | 0 | |
| Whitehouse, Mr. Joseph | 10 | 0 | |
| Wilkes, Mr. R. | 2 | 0 | |
| Wilkes, Mr. | 10 | 0 | |
| Williams, Mr. William ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Winkle, Mrs. | 1 | 0 | |
| Withers, Miss | 12 | 0 | |
| Withers, Mr. Samuel ... | 10 | 10 | |
| Withers, Mr. Thomas ... | 10 | 0 | |
| Withers, Mr. James ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Withers, Mr. & Mrs. G. | 5 | 5 | |
| £4 4s. | | | |
| Master Hubert G. £1 is. | | | |
| Withers, Mr. John ... | 5 | 0 | |
| Worsey, Mr. C. | 10 | 0 | |
| Wright, Mr. J. | 10 | 0 | |
| Wright, Mrs. | 3 | 0 | |
| Wyres, Mr. William ... | 1 | 0 | |
| Small Sums | 12 | 3 | |
| TOTAL £2002 | 15 | 6 | |

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure. - Jubilee Celebration.

WESLEY CHAPEL, (WEST BROMWICH WESLEY CIRCUIT,) 1885-6.

| | £ | s. | d. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|---|-----|-----|------------------|
| Subscriptions as per Detailed List | ... | ... | 2002 | 15 | 6 | Debts paid off: | | | |
| Grant from Chapel Committee | ... | ... | 280 | 0 | 0 | Wesley Chapel | ... | ... | 870 0 0 |
| Loan „ „ „ | ... | ... | 250 | 0 | 0 | Beeches Road Chapel | ... | ... | 350 0 0 |
| Nett Proceeds of Public Collections | ... | ... | 347 | 18 | 11 | Roebuck Street Schools | ... | ... | 250 0 0 |
| Nett Proceeds of Tea Meetings | ... | . | 64 | 10 | 8 | Carter's Green Chapel | ... | ... | 497 9 0 |
| | | | | | | Greet's Green Chapel | ... | ... | 130 1 0 |
| | | | | | | Hallam Street Chapel | ... | ... | 153 11 4 |
| | | | | | | Overend Mission Room | ... | ... | 207 0 0 |
| | | | | | | Lyng Mission Room | ... | ... | 207 8 6 |
| | | | | | | Circuit Board | ... | ... | 90 0 0 |
| | | | | | | Towards Carter's Green Extension Fund | ... | ... | 125 0 0 |
| | | | | | | Wesley Trustees, in lieu of Anniversary Sermons | | | 30 0 0 |
| | | | | | | Printing, Travelling, & Miscellaneous Expenses | | | 22 11 6 |
| | | | | | | Balance voted to Circuit Funds | ... | ... | 12 3 9 |
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Examined and found correct,

MARTIN DUNN,
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